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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3152  
INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK  
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E.O. 11652: XGDS-2  
TAGS: SREF, VS, CH, HK  
SUBJECT: PRC DUMPS VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ON HONG KONG

REF: HONG KONG 11867

1. HONG KONG PRESS CARRIED SHORT ITEM 21 DECEMBER ON 19  
VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ARRESTED ON 17 DECEMBER FOR ENTERING  
HK ILLEGALLY. BOAT LOAD CONSISTED OF 14 MEN, TWO WOMEN  
(1 PREGNANT) AND 3 BOYS.

2. OFFICIAL HONG KONG GOVERNMENT SOURCES INFORMED CONGENOFF  
THAT DURING QUESTIONING BY HKG IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS, THEY  
LEARNED THAT FOUR OF THE MEN HAS SERVED IN ARVN FOR FROM  
1 TO 3 YEARS. REFUGEES STATED THEY LEFT QUI-NHON ON 20  
AUGUST BUT DEVELOPED ENGINE TROUBLE NEAR WEST PRATAS ISLANDS  
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AND WERE RESCUED BY PRC GUN BOAT. THEY WERE SUBSEQUENTLY  
TAKEN TO HAINAN ISLAND AND ON 10 OCTOBER TO CHAM KONG CITY,  
KWANGTUNG PROVINCE. ON 14 DECEMBER THEY WERE TAKEN BY BUS  
TO HEUNG CHAU (NEAR MACAU) AND ON THE 17TH RETURNED TO THEIR  
JUNK IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS BY PRC GUN BOAT AND POINTED  
TOWARDS HONG KONG.

3. REFUGEES HAVE BEEN GRANTED PROVISIONAL 3MONT STAY IN  
HONG KONG UNDER UNHCR GAURANTEE.

COMMENT: HKG VIEW IS THAT THIS CASE INDICATES PRC UNWILLINGNESS  
TO RETURN REFUGEES TO SRV AND PEKING'S CONTINUED WILLINGNESS  
TO USE HK AS A CONVIENT "DUMPING GROUND" FOR THOSE IT DOES  
NOT WISH TO RETAIN. HKG ALSO DOUBTS THIS GROUP IS THE SAME ONE  
MENTIONTED IN REFTEL.  
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